

L. S. APRES CO. Pre-Inventory Sales.

They are characteristic of the last week of the year. Busy holiday selling leaves many broken assortments which, although made up of things worthy and desirable, are not so valuable to us. They go at much lower prices.

Kid Gloves At 50c

Mostly odds and ends, from \$1 and \$1.25. Some are missed from fitting, a few are sold, but the major portion of over 500 pairs of simple gloves are our purpose to dispose of every glove not a member of a complete assortment.

Anybody's size, almost any color; \$1 and \$1.25. Friday, at 50c.

Sale of Art Wares

Has brought a generous response in lookers, and lookers quickly become buyers when stocks like these go at a saving of from a third to a fourth of the regular price. All of the following lines are included:

Cameo Ware and Vases, a third off.
Statuary, Pedestals, Steins, Metal Frames and Swedish Ware, a fourth off.
Framed Pictures, Candlesticks and Candelabra, a fifth off.
Sole prices on French Flannels and Silk Skirts will continue all week.

MANUFACTURER OF GRILLES.

Last Days of the Year

In combination with a few ideas of ours—

Albert Gall

Carpets, Drapery, Wall Paper,
17 and 19 West Washington St.

NEW STYLES

For the New Year.

The Best \$3 Derby

The Best \$3 Soft Hat

That we have ever shown for the money.

New styles at this season of the year come at a time when the season of dress and social functions are at their height.

Danbury Hat Co.

No. 8 East Wash. St.

MET DEATH PECULIARLY.

Charles Hilton Struck by a Limb While Hauling Fodder.

Charles Hilton, forty-four years of age, a farmer, living near Ellettsville, met death yesterday afternoon in an unusual manner. On his farm he has a barn in the rear of the house, and leading to the barn from the roadway is a driveway, lined on each side with trees. Yesterday he hauled fodder from the field to the barn, and while passing through the driveway on top of a large load was thrown from the wagon to the ground by a large limb which caught in the fodder and struck him a heavy blow under the chin when it was released. Mr. Cain, who was called, worked with him for about an hour and a half, but was unable to restore him to consciousness and he died from concussion. He leaves a widow and two children.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.

Judge McMaster's Action in Regard to an Application.

Judge McMaster, of the Superior Court, yesterday admitted Ernest T. Dixon to practice law at the Marion county bar on the recommendation of the committee appointed by the Bar Association several years ago. In doing this, Judge McMaster says, it neither recognizes the passage nor defeat of the amendment to the Constitution providing that applicants to practice law must first pass a satisfactory examination before a competent committee appointed by the Superior Court judges. Judge McMaster has appointed such a committee, and a test case is now pending in the Supreme Court. The Superior Court judges have not yet decided what action they shall take in this respect, and it is not announced whether the two other judges will follow the precedent of Judge McMaster until the decision of the Supreme Court is rendered.

A Settlement Proposed.

A data was fixed yesterday when the interurban franchise question will be settled, it is hoped, for the matter to go before the City Council again. Chairman Sahm, of the Board of Works, yesterday ordered Clerk Spencer to send notice to the representatives of the interurban companies, the Indianapolis & Greenfield, Indianapolis, Greenwood & Franklin, Union Traction Company and the Indianapolis & Logansport Company, and the members of the councilman committee on contracts and franchises to meet with the board next Wednesday at 11 o'clock when the amendments proposed to the franchise will be discussed and all parties heard. It was expected that the matter will be settled so that the franchise can be sent to the Council at that next meeting.

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MYSTERIOUS "BLONDE WOMAN" SAID TO HAVE BEEN ASSAILANT.

The Shooting Occurred in Mr. Smythe's Office in Masonic Temple, About Noon Hour.

AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS SON

FAMILY'S PECULIAR ACTIONS ADD TO MYSTERY OF CASE.

The Alleged Motive Was a Refusal to Allow the Woman to Use the Telephone.

William H. Smythe, of 3029 North Capitol avenue, grand secretary of the North Masonic order of the State, was shot in the head yesterday shortly after noon. A. B. Coleman, a lawyer, was nearest to find him, and the alarm was immediately given. Soon a large number of friends, detectives, policemen and newspaper men were on the scene, and upon the first and only statement of Mr. Smythe that the shooting had been done by a "blonde woman" search for her was begun.

Elmer Smythe, son of the injured man, was advised, and shortly after his arrival Dr. Hodges arrived. After an examination of the wound Mr. Smythe was removed to the Deaconess Hospital. The bullet was found buried under the scalp and was removed in pieces. It had not penetrated the skull. At the hospital last night it was said that Mr. Smythe was resting easily and there was no probability of death resulting from his injury.

The office of Mr. Smythe in the Masonic Temple at Washington street and Capitol avenue has two entrances, one on Washington street and one leading directly to his private office in the rear, on Capitol avenue. Coleman entered by the Washington-street entrance and not finding anyone in the front room walked back to the rear room. Upon approaching the room he heard groans, and upon looking into the room found Mr. Smythe lying on the floor a few feet from the door. His head was covered with blood and there was a small pool of blood beneath his head. After ascertaining what had happened he insisted upon knowing who had done the shooting and was told that a "blonde woman," whom Smythe claimed not to know, had done it after having been refused permission to use the telephone which stands in the hall between the main office and his private rooms. He said she had been in the office three times during the morning, and upon her return about noon asked to use the telephone and being denied permission drew a revolver from her dress and fired at him. He claimed never to have had any dealings with the woman and not to know her except as one who had annoyed him by frequent requests to use the telephone.

SEEN BY THE SON.

Elmer Smythe said he had seen the "blonde woman" in the office using the telephone and yesterday morning when she came in the second time was in the office and heard his father deny her in his uncertain manner the use of the instrument. He said he at that time remained in the office for some minutes. What passed between them he did not know. When Mr. Smythe was urged to use the telephone he refused to do so, and when asked for information denied any knowledge of the woman or the events before his arrival.

Mr. Smythe's statement relative to the "blonde woman" was taken at first by detectives, and then by a reporter who was at the true statement of the facts, but after inquiry among the lodgers at the Lorraine Hotel, where Mr. Smythe lives, and in the immediate neighborhood, and the mysterious air of the son and his refusal to make any disclosures after his father's death, it was known to him, investigations were begun along other lines. It was not long until Mr. Smythe's office about that time, and stopped looking for the "blonde woman," thinking the attempt to find her was useless.

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During the afternoon the detectives secured entrance to the office after it had become known that Mr. Smythe had been kept a loaded revolver in his desk, with the expectation of finding this with all its chambers loaded. No revolver could be found by a thorough search of everything except the safe and there was no way to account for the disappearance of the weapon, though working on the theory of suspected attempt at suicide, it was found that Mr. Smythe's mother had told her son Elmer and during their secret conference have given him the weapon. The wound in his head was just behind the right ear, and was thought to be in a place where it would be natural for a man to shoot himself if he were being down, to shoot himself.

Mr. Smythe has been in ill health for a number of years, but several persons about the Masonic Temple have said he has frequently been heard to threaten to kill himself as he was tired of suffering. His son, after the making of these statements, declined to talk more and his statement concerning any threats made in the presence of members of the family could not be had.

THE SHOT HEARD

The shot was heard by a number of persons in the Masonic building and in nearby offices, as well as by several persons on Washington street. None of them, it seems, was able, from the sound, to locate the place from whence it came and paid but little attention to it, and it was not until Mr. Coleman entered the office that it was known exactly where the shooting had taken place. There was at that time no one in the office but Mr. Smythe, and no one else was found who had seen the "blonde woman" or other person leave the office either by the Washington street or the Capitol avenue entrance. Several of the persons living in the Lorraine Hotel said they were looking out of the windows facing the large windows in the Masonic building at that time, and not one of them had noticed anything wrong, or any indication of any excitement. A clerk in the office, had gone to dinner, and Elmer, his son, had gone to get the carriage in which he intended to take his mother and himself home.

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